

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

A Tough Task

Mr Macmillan's task tomorrow is not one of presenting to the House of Commons a balanced national budget, but of spelling out an acceptable formula for balancing Britain's national economy.

Successive Chancellors in recent years have been able to show an annual internal surplus (Mr Macmillan's for the fiscal year just ended amounts to £397 million), but Britain's external deficit, plus her losses of gold reserves exceeds that surplus by more than £20 million, an imbalance which the nation's economy cannot stand for any length of time.

The primary cause for Britain's current economic instability is an obvious one—excessive imports and domestic over-spending; less easy to find is a solution to this problem which will enjoy ready and willing acceptance by the country as a whole.

One of the ironies of the situation is that Britain enjoys full employment, has increased substantially its production and created new records in exports. Such achievements normally would guarantee the nation's economic soundness. The disabling factor has been the tremendous increase in the cost of imports.

SO far Mr Macmillan has applied a dearer money policy to reduce capital expenditure and to discourage excessive importing. It has enjoyed a partial success and has to some extent corrected the balance of payments. Unfortunately this measure in itself is not sufficient to restore completely the nation's economic equilibrium.

British commentators are of the opinion that the Chancellor has to do two things to bring about the country's full recovery and to sustain that position when it has been attained. One is to provide incentives to the workers and industrialists to produce more exportable commodities; the other to encourage the people to save.

Increased rates of purchase tax and restrictions on the "never-never" system of paying for consumer goods has not drastically curbed the people's power of spending; moreover, in a number of trades, demands for increased wages have had to be met, thus helping to restore the consumer's ability to satisfy his urge for luxuries as well as necessities.

A PART from the desirability of offering incentives for greater production and more saving, the Chancellor will also be expected to devise some helpful treatment for the British middle classes who are severely hurt by the current high prices which have to be met out of a non-variable income. In the same category fall the pensioners and those whose sole source of income is from life-long savings.

Behind it all, Mr Macmillan has to maintain a keen eye on the political barometer. Much as he would probably like to (and perhaps should) reimpose the taxation cuts the Tory government made a year ago, any such action would probably bring about the downfall of the Conservatives as the ruling party. Recent polls have indicated that the Tories have lost a considerable amount of popularity, and budget measures which outrage public opinion may mean political suicide.

Mr Macmillan's proposals are his own secret, but it is perfectly clear that he will present a sombre budget tomorrow. He will not have very glad tidings for the country, and if he can sugar his pill of further national austerity and sacrifices to make it palatable enough for the people to swallow, he will have done the country and his party a tremendous service.

BRITAIN MUST GO says CEYLON

BANDARANAIKE'S DECISION ON RN, RAF BASES

TO BECOME 'ASIA'S SWITZERLAND'

Washington, Apr. 16.

The Ceylon Prime Minister, Mr Solomon Bandaranaike, said today he had made up his mind that British forces based in Ceylon would "have to go."

He said having British bases in Ceylon "is not at all consistent with our sovereignty as a nation."

"It is against my line of thinking in making Ceylon the Switzerland of Asia. Also, it would make us one of the first targets if war should break out."

The Royal Navy has a base in Trincomalee and the RAF one at Negombo.

Mr Bandaranaike's statements were contained in a copy-righted interview in U.S. News and World Report, a weekly news magazine.

Commonwealth Ties

Mr Bandaranaike, who defeated Sir John Kotelawala's Government in recent elections, said Ceylon would become a republic, but he had not yet decided whether it should leave the Commonwealth.

He said a long time ago his party, now in power, advocated becoming a republic and also withdrawing from the Commonwealth.

"Now, however, the case of India has shown that it is possible to remain within the Commonwealth without impairing one's sovereignty. There may be certain advantages in staying in," he said.

"On the other hand, there may also be certain advantages in staying out. If we wanted to enter into certain regional agreements with other countries—such as the United States, for example—it might be easier if we were not members of another grouping like the Commonwealth."

Mr Bandaranaike said in general he agreed with the views of Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, in foreign policies.

Communist Danger

He added: "I think, though, that sometimes he (Mr Nehru) has a tendency to lose sight of the intrinsic essential dynamism of communism."

"This should not be lost sight of. Communism is a force that is continually expanding. . . . The fact of its intrinsic essential dynamism must not be forgotten."

MPs HEAR CHARGES OF 'DUMPING'

Lancashire Complaint Against HK

Our Own Correspondent

London, Apr. 16.

Seventy men and 12 women from 19 Lancashire cotton towns travelled in two coaches to London today to lobby MPs at Westminster.

The delegation, representing 60,000 workers, presented a petition which protested against the dumping of cloth from India and Hongkong.

There were three Lancashire mayors and five council chairmen of different parties in the delegation.

The petition said Lancashire wanted imports from abroad limited to save jobs. The petition said refugee capital and labour from Communist China had built up Hongkong's cotton industry "accidentally" inside the Empire preference scheme.

The petition claimed that Hongkong was able to take in Japanese and Chinese cloths and re-export it as made-up goods labelled "Empire Made."

Mistaken Patriotism

Three goods were now on sale in large retail stores and had been defended in mistaken patriotism by many of Britain's counter assistants, the petition stated.

The delegates urged revision of the Ottawa agreements which they said, were made when it was never dreamed India and Hongkong would offer such competition in British and Commonwealth markets.

NOW REDS FLIRT WITH JEWS

"Yes, We Know All About Your Oranges"

Moscow, Apr. 16.

Two top Soviet leaders caused a diplomatic sensation tonight by spending 40 minutes at the Israeli Embassy's Independence Day party.

It was the first time Kremlin chiefs have paid Israel this honour since the Jewish state was formed eight years ago.

Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, the Foreign Minister, and Mr Anastas Mikoyan, a first deputy Premier, drank a champagne toast with Mr Joseph Avidar, the

Israeli Ambassador, to "the day of the independence of Israel."

Earlier, in their friendliest and most convivial mood, they drank martinis with the Ambassador and his wife and other diplomats.

Their appearance was a surprise in view of the sharp criticisms of Israel expressed by the Soviet Union recently in line with Russia's ardent campaign to win friends among the Arab states.

The Russians have frequently launched bitter

press attacks against Israeli policy and have supported the Arabs against Israel in the United Nations.

"We were very surprised to see Mr Molotov and Mr Mikoyan in the Embassy. We didn't believe they would come."

There may be some significance in this because they must have known their visit would be reported all over the world, an Israeli official said.

The Ambassador said the two Soviet leaders questioned him about the

reason why Israel's independence day was held on April 10.

"I told them it was the day the last British High Commissioner left," the Ambassador said. "They were very friendly and said they knew Israeli oranges well."

Diplomats said the Soviet leaders' presence was in line with Russia's declared policy of "peaceful co-existence" with countries, though the gesture was surprising in view of Soviet policy in the Middle East.—Reuter.

Riviera Robbers Strike Again

RAINIER CALLS
IN CRACK 'TEC

Monaco, Apr. 16.

Riviera robbers struck for the second time at the Kelly-Rainier wedding party and stole the jewels of one of Grace Kelly's bridal attendants today.

Prince Rainier called in a crack New York detective, Mrs Marce Pamp said all her jewels were stolen this afternoon from her room in the expensive Hotel de Paris where a robbery stole US\$45,000 worth of jewels on Friday night from a wedding guest, Matthew McCloskey.

Before the electrifying news of the second strike leaked out from reluctant Monaco police, Prince Rainier had already sent a New York detective, Frank Cressi, to the hotel to make investigations.

Into Action

Mr Cressi was Prince Rainier's bodyguard on his recent New York visit.

He had invited Mr Cressi to Monaco as a guest at the wedding. Tonight he sent his guest into action to stop the humiliating series of robberies.

Mrs Pamp said all her jewels had been stolen while she was out of her room. Estimates of the value ranged from \$10,000 to \$20,000. No definite figure was known.

Mrs Pamp lives in Philadelphia and will be Miss Kelly's bridal attendant at the wedding. Mr McCloskey, who was robbed only three nights ago, also lived in Philadelphia. He came as a friend of the Kelly family.

Monégasque authorities also called in four detectives of the French Surete Nationale to help stop the robberies.—United Press.

America Says No

Washington, Apr. 16. The United States has turned down a French suggestion for a special "Big Three" meeting in May on the Middle East, authoritative sources said today.—Reuter.

\$100 A Day

Butterworth, Malaya, Apr. 17. Operators of "amusement" pin tables were making up to £100 daily, village councillors said. They urged "swift police action" to check gambling on the games.—China Mail Special.

THE HAMMARSKJOELD PEACE PLAN

Jerusalem, Apr. 17.

Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, United Nations Secretary-General, arrives today to present his plan for peace in Palestine to Israeli leaders.

It is the plan he discussed with Lt-Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Egyptian Premier.

United Nations sources said the scheme deals with two key trouble spots—the 30-mile-long Gaza strip border and El Ajlun demilitarized zone.

It is believed to be a composite of various proposals put forward at one time by Britain, Egypt or Major-General E. L. M. Burns, United Nations Chief Palestine Truce Supervisor.

Among other things, the Gaza plan envisages:

- ★ Withdrawal of opposing forces to create a mile-wide no man's land to prevent clashes between regular troops;
- ★ Setting up of a fence and minefield along the entire length of the border;
- ★ Reduction of forces on both sides to the number permissible under the armistice agreement, that is three battalions with limited supporting weapons on each side of the border.

created in the armistice agreement.

It is a triangle-shaped zone with one of its arms resting on the international border between Israel and Egypt's Sinai Peninsula.

Mr Hammarskjöld has revealed in this case to the plan he put forward last November when troops clashed in the zone.

This means he insists on withdrawal of troops. Israel would be asked to remove her forces from the zone and Egypt to withdraw troops beyond the defensive area formed by the Abu Auzela and El Quesma lines.

Previously Israel refused to withdraw because Egypt failed to recall her troops.—Reuter.

Gromyko's "Nyet" To West's Plan

London, Apr. 16.

Mr Andrei Gromyko of Russia today rejected the Western demand that East-West disarmament be linked with settlement of other East-West issues including German reunification.

Mr Gromyko told the United Nations disarmament talks that Russia's newest three-year disarmament proposal was meant to proceed independently of other differences that divide the West and Communist nations.

He spoke after Mr Harold Stassen of America and Mr Anthony Nutting of Britain reiterated Western insistence that disarmament cannot be completed without settlement of such issues as German reunification, "in freedom," the Far East and the Middle East.

Mr Gromyko's statement, his first reply to the previously stated Western position in these "other issues," provided a measure of disappointment at the last U.N. session before the Bulganin-Khrushchev visit to Britain interrupts the disarmament negotiations for a week.

RUSSIA'S PLAN

The Russian proposal called for cutting U.S. and Soviet armed forces to 1,500,000 by 1958.

Mr Gromyko said this should proceed regardless of other world issues.

The U.S. proposal called for reduction to 2,500,000 in the first stage of a larger long range disarmament plan and said disarmament could not proceed further than the first stage without settlement of other issues such as German reunification.

Informed sources said Mr Stassen was joined by M. Jules Moch of France in emphasizing this.—United Press.

APPEAL TO MR K SUCCEEDED

London, Apr. 16.

Thomas de Mafly Mantuano, former Hungarian diplomat, left today by air for Vienna to fetch his 12-year-old crippled son, Peter, who was granted a passport to leave Hungary last week after his mother had appealed to the Soviet Communist Party leader Mr Khrushchev.

The de Mafly Mantuano left Hungary as a refugee eight years ago. They had to leave their small boy Peter in Hungary with his grandparents.

When the grandparents died, the child reportedly had to beg for his living. His mother recently wrote from London to Khrushchev asking him to help her obtain a passport for her son.

The passport was delivered to Peter last week.—France-Press.

Governor Says:

Singapore's 'Slippery Slope' Not For HK

London, Apr. 16.

The London Daily Mail today quoted the Governor of Hongkong, Sir Alexander Grantham, as assuring its correspondent "we are not going down the slippery slope of Singapore."

The correspondent, Don Iddon, said the Governor had added: "This island is British and will remain British."

"There has been no talk of independence within the Commonwealth or anything like that. We have no Communist movement. No fanatical students."

He also quoted the Governor as saying "there is no apprehension here. What would China want with us? They would have nothing to gain and perhaps a lot to lose. Hongkong is going on as it is."

Mr Iddon said he had asked Sir Alexander who has been Governor of Hongkong for nine years, if he would consider a further term.

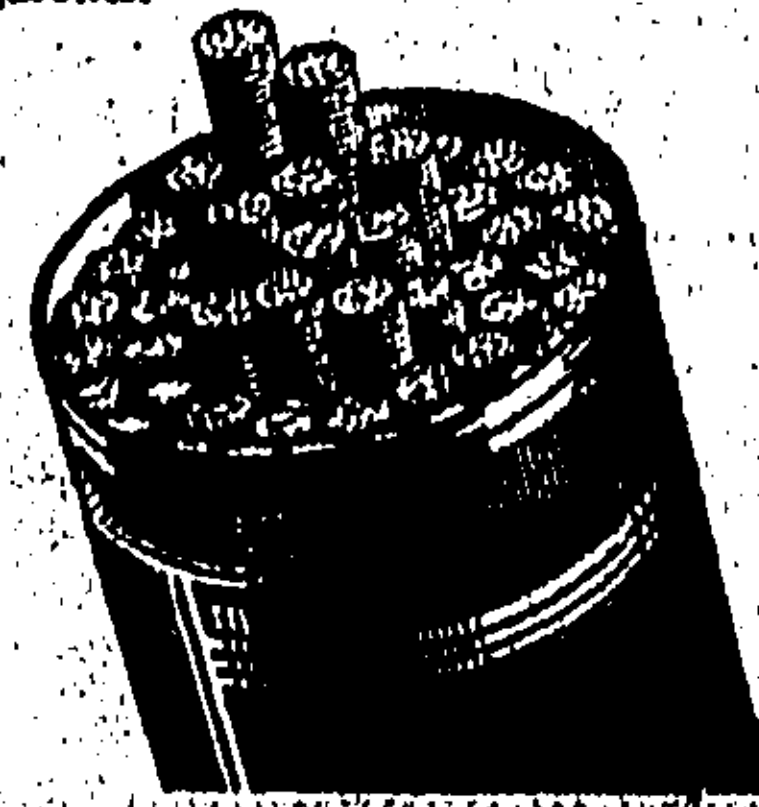
The reply was: "I don't think so, too much of a nut perhaps."—Reuter.

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Spain Appeals For More

U.S. Aid FORMER MILITARY AGREEMENT NOW LOOKING OLD

New York, Apr. 16.

Spain's Foreign Minister, Dr. Alberto Martin Artajo, said tonight the three-year-old Spanish-United States military agreement must be extended to modernise the Spanish Army without submitting the Spanish economy to a "tremendous burden."

In an address prepared for delivery at Fordham University here, the Foreign Minister also called for "more generous" United States economic aid to Spain which, he said, was more deserving of it than any other European country.

Ineluctable

Dr. Artajo is now on a visit to the United States.

He said that Spanish-United States military agreement was "beginning to look old" and was not "sufficiently adequate to the new European realities." Possession of atomic arms and guided missiles, he said, had increased the risks of Spain in participation in European defence.

"We consider it ineluctable that the military collaboration between the United States and Spain must fully extend to strengthen the Spanish Army, equipping it with modern weapons and bringing up to date all installations and armament of our soldiers," he said. "That is why we request a complete collaboration to equip our national army adequately, without submitting our economy to the tremendous burden of meeting the needs of the armed forces perfectly adapted to the role that would correspond to them in a possible war."

Regrettable Delay

Dr. Artajo cited Spain's attitude toward Morocco as "good evidence of the consciousness of Spain in regard to her responsibility in the defence of the West."

Turning to economic aid, the Foreign Minister recalled that Spain was not included in the Marshall Plan. There had been regrettable delay in the development of Spanish programmes of

production and industrialisation "as compared with the other countries of Europe which were more fortunate although not more deserving of United States aid."

Present US aid to Spain under the 1953 agreement, he continued, was insufficient.

Not Satisfied

"We cannot feel satisfied with the distribution of the assistance granted to us although we are truly grateful for the sales of agricultural reserves and the assistance extended by the United States," he reiterated.

Professional Prayermongers

Tokyo, Apr. 16.
 A Japanese schoolteacher writing in one of the national newspapers said that "professional prayer-mongers" wield great influence and sway the actions of many people throughout Japan.

The teacher, Akira Nakagawa, said that the prayer-mongers make their living by praying to the gods on behalf of those in trouble. He said that they claim that the gods show them the solution to various problems.

Nakagawa said some of the "rascals" give out prescriptions in place of doctors and claimed that their diagnosis is based on "divine revelation," China Mail Special.



Miss Olivia Black demonstrates the new "stethoscope" shaped hot-air hands and face drier at the fourth factory equipment exhibition in London. This new style of machine dries the hands and face - is foot operated - and dispenses with towels in office and factory cloakrooms.—Express Photo.

Algerian Rebel Force Destroyed

Algiers, Apr. 16.

French troops have completely wiped out a big rebel force which was trapped in the mountains in the Grarem area of Northern Constantine yesterday, French military sources stated today.

Earlier reports stated that 82 rebels were killed in this battle. First contact with the rebel force was made by a French patrol. Reinforcements were flown up by helicopter and completely surrounded the rebels cutting off all lines of escape.

Losses Small

When they realised that they were encircled the outlaws tried to hide in the natural grottoes of the mountains.

French losses in the battle were very small. According to first reports the security forces suffered two dead and three wounded.

Going over the battlefield French troops picked up 130 weapons of various kinds, including some Tommy guns and five American Garand rifles. About half of the weapons were shotguns transformed for guerrilla warfare.

A big quantity of grenades and munitions was also seized.

Editor Charged

In Paris, Pierre Courtade, editor-in-chief of the Communist daily L'Humanite, today appeared at a magistrate's court on two charges connected with articles written on Algeria.

The first accused him of threatening national security in an article in "L'Humanite" on August 24 last, listing demands of Algerian and Moroccan rebels. Issues of the newspaper had been seized on that date because of the article.

The second charge accused Courtade of libel against Jacques Soustelle, the Governor-

British Fashion Show Opens In Moscow

Moscow, Apr. 16.
 Seven Soviet models today presented the first collection of British fashions to be shown in the Soviet Union before a Moscow audience of 300 women and one man.

The fashion show featured 70 coats, dresses, and suits, designed and made in Britain for mass production, which were selected by the Soviet Chamber of Commerce.

The show's announcer said that the event would "strengthen the friendship and co-operation between the Soviet and British peoples."—France-Press.

Jaycees Asia Conference

Singapore, Apr. 16.
 Messages of goodwill from the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Ichiro Hatoyama and other Asian leaders will be read when the Junior Chambers of Commerce sixth regional conference opens at the Victoria Memorial Hall here tomorrow.

Mr. Y. C. Hui, leader of the Hongkong delegation, said he had brought a message from the Governor of Hongkong to the Jaycees attending the conference.—Reuter.

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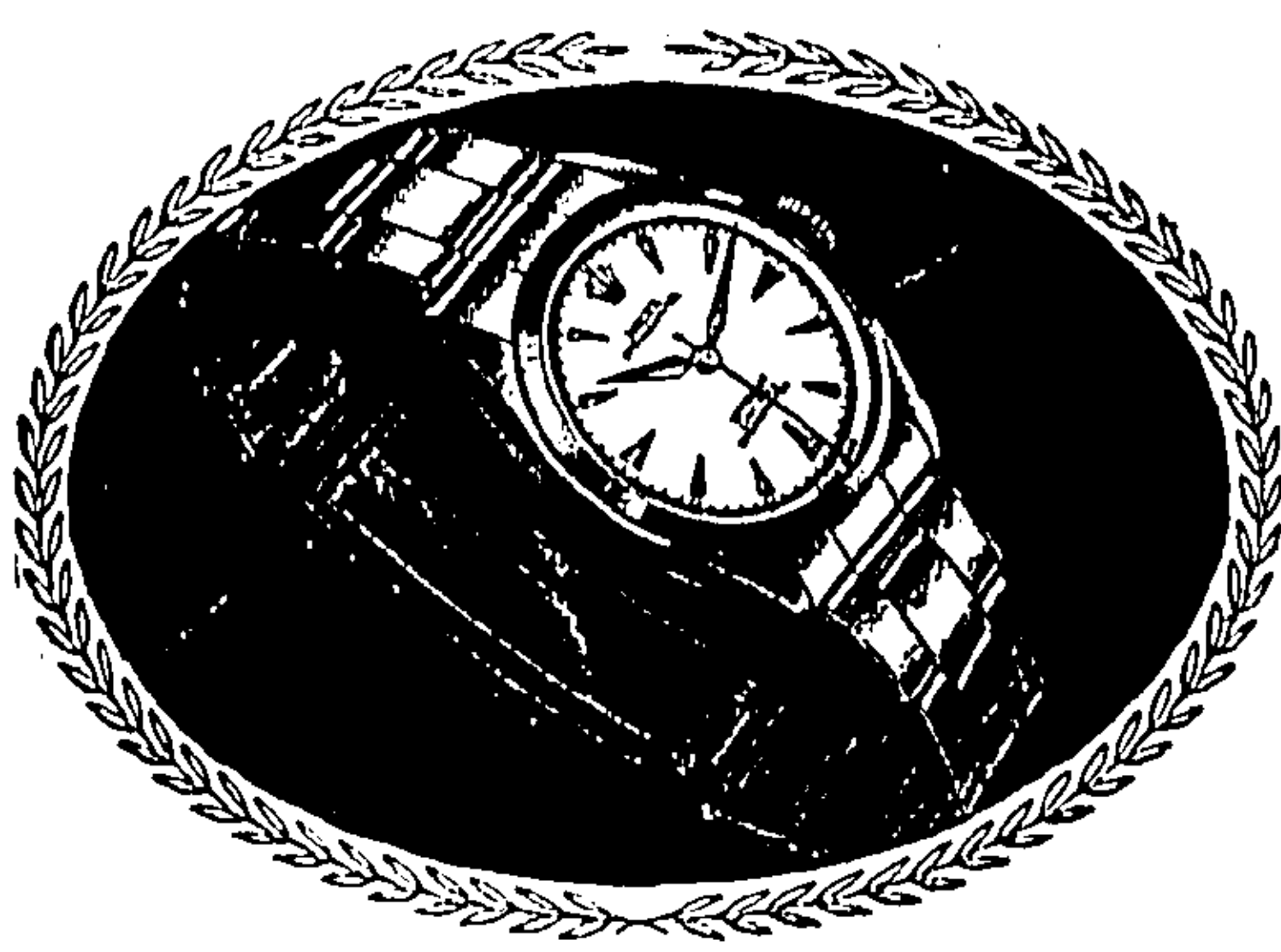
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THE TEDDY BOY BURST INTO TEARS

... and soon
afterwards he
took up crime



... The conversation in such cafes hinges monotonously on sex and crime.

SIX Teddy Boys lollop along a City street. Most people react in one of three ways to this rather fearsome sight. First reaction: They are perfectly harmless kids, staking their claim to a place in the world. Second reaction: They are an eyesore and a nuisance. Third reaction: They are positively dangerous.

Reaction three was correct when six Teddy Boys walked along Artillery Passage, behind Frying Pan Alley, into Mr. Ranchhod Patel's tiny shop. Mr. Patel thought they were customers. So did his three assistants. For Teddy Boys, lifting his colourful wares, are good for trade.

But instead of producing wallets, they advanced with long daggers pointed towards, and forced Mr. Patel and his staff against the wall.

Hollywood gesture

Though it was unnecessary, except as a gesture to Hollywood, they sliced the telephone wire. Then they took £350 from the till, £4 from the blind box, and were back in the street—no longer lolloping—after shouting an exultant "Goodbye and good luck" to Mr. Patel.

Reaction three was correct when the teenage son of a police sergeant found his path blocked by seven Teddy Boys in a Barking street.

The son was with a young friend and asked for room to get through. They refused. He repeated his request.

The Teddy Boy leader slashed him across the face with a potato containing a razor blade; then, with his fellow Edward-

understanding is no way to make the streets of London safe for policemen's sons and other citizens.

Sir Hugh Beazley, former Common Sergeant in the City of London, gives this ex-judge's opinion about Teddy Boys: "They are frustrated and lonely and they drift on to the streets. They have no faith in anything, not even in their own unhappy selves." I present four case histories which suggest that he has got near the roots of the problem.

Continuing the Inquiry
into London's Teddy
Boys... by
Robert J. Edwards

lans, hared off along the street. I do not need to emphasize the mother's feelings when her boy, badly cut, came home.

Reaction three was correct when humble, middle-aged Stephen street trader Mr. Kline Singh met a Teddy Boy gang, escorted by their girl friends, in Butty Street. They pumelled his face, snatched £3 from his pockets and raced into the dark labyrinth of back streets with his suitcase of silk scarves and ties.

These and similar incidents—there are many—do not prove that all Teddy Boys are dangerous. That would be absurd. They simply prove how unwise it is to assume they are not.

There are some, I hesitate to say many, thoroughly decent Teddy Boys. Like 18-year-old Alec, whose innocent enthusiasm is to serve on the committee of a youth club.

In whispers

Alec, son of a doctor, lives in quiet dimly lit Bermondsey—so quiet that at night strangers whisper, rather than talk, in the street.

He had difficulty in getting an office job, because of his sartorial style, until a youth leader used his influence with a good employer.

Now, during his working hours as a clerk in the marble offices of a dockside importing firm he wears his pullover back to front to hide his "Slim Jim" tie. His first act on going home is to change into his orthodox Edwardian drab trousers.

Alec was unable to define his extraordinary devotion to Teddy Boy wear. Here is a possible clue. Most Teddy Boys are labourers earning up to £10 a week. Alec's wage is £3 15s. Possibly wearing the same clothes helps to narrow the gap. It was his father who took him to the tailor to buy his expensive suit.

Worst type

Alec has not frequented the filthy cafes thick with decay and dowdy sin, where the worst type of Teddy Boys spend their evenings.

The conversation in such cafes hinges monotonously on sex and crime. Criminals seek out friends and loudly recount. "He's in the nick for three years," I heard one black-suited Edwardian say in Tooting's dirtiest catering establishment. Envy was written in every face.

In this society, the coward with a cock is the man of courage, the goaded; thus the hero.

But to condemn these unpleasing characters without

understanding is no way to make the streets of London safe for policemen's sons and other citizens.

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Reaction three was correct when humble, middle-aged Stephen street trader Mr. Kline Singh met a Teddy Boy gang, escorted by their girl friends, in Butty Street. They pumelled his face, snatched £3 from his pockets and raced into the dark labyrinth of back streets with his suitcase of silk scarves and ties.

These and similar incidents—there are many—do not prove that all Teddy Boys are dangerous. That would be absurd. They simply prove how unwise it is to assume they are not.

There are some, I hesitate to say many, thoroughly decent Teddy Boys. Like 18-year-old Alec, whose innocent enthusiasm is to serve on the committee of a youth club.

In whispers

Alec, son of a doctor, lives in quiet dimly lit Bermondsey—so quiet that at night strangers whisper, rather than talk, in the street.

He had difficulty in getting an office job, because of his sartorial style, until a youth leader used his influence with a good employer.

Now, during his working hours as a clerk in the marble offices of a dockside importing firm he wears his pullover back to front to hide his "Slim Jim" tie. His first act on going home is to change into his orthodox Edwardian drab trousers.

Alec was unable to define his extraordinary devotion to Teddy Boy wear. Here is a possible clue. Most Teddy Boys are labourers earning up to £10 a week. Alec's wage is £3 15s. Possibly wearing the same clothes helps to narrow the gap. It was his father who took him to the tailor to buy his expensive suit.

Worst type

Alec has not frequented the filthy cafes thick with decay and dowdy sin, where the worst type of Teddy Boys spend their evenings.

The conversation in such cafes hinges monotonously on sex and crime. Criminals seek out friends and loudly recount. "He's in the nick for three years," I heard one black-suited Edwardian say in Tooting's dirtiest catering establishment. Envy was written in every face.

In this society, the coward with a cock is the man of courage, the goaded; thus the hero.

But to condemn these unpleasing characters without

The truth

Second Case History.—Illegitimate, brought up by an aunt and her husband as their son. Discovered the truth when 15. Has been a perpetual source of trouble ever since. Now at a Borstal Institution for robbery with violence. (There are, I am assured, many similar cases.)

Third Case History.—Mother and father parted; from an early age he lived with foster parents. Led an unhappy life, committed petty juvenile crimes, sent to homes and institutions, played no games.

At age 19, a fully blossomed, curly-haired Teddy Boy; stabbed 65-year-old tobacconist in the back as he washed his hands at a sink, stole £40 from the till. Sentenced to death for murder, reprieved, sentenced to a period of detention.

Fourth Case History.—With several other Teddy Boys, beat up a man, fracturing several of his ribs. Sentenced to a period of detention.

The causes

Because he lived in a normally respectable London suburb I decided to visit his parents in an attempt to unravel the causes of his downfall.

With one exception, the houses in his street were red-brick, clean, friendly. The exception was his. Though it was four in the afternoon, the curtains had not been pulled; the front door had no handle and was half-opened; the hall walls were peeling; the porch was dominated by an obscene pencil scribble on the faded paintwork; bottles lay on the pathway.

There was no need to ring the bell—it there had been a bell. I walked away.

Three years' imprisonment.

TOMORROW

The shops that sell
the flick knives

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THE FLAG TO SINGAPORE

MERDEKA WILL BRING CHAOS

Singapore. ENGLISHMEN who have lived here for years, and should know, tell me bitterly: "The jig's up for Singapore. Its days are numbered. The British are finished here."

One man, the managing director of one of Asia's great newspapers, said sadly:

"Five years and this place will be Communist. The Red Chinese scarcely need to do anything—Singapore will fall like an over-ripe apple into their lap."

Another man, a distinguished correspondent, said ten years was a more likely period, but he also was utterly convinced that we were on our way out—for good.

The correspondent, like many other British and Europeans here, expects violence and terror. They fear for the safety of their wives and children.

Tension

IT is less than six years since the Bertha Hertog riots, when there was an orgy of murder, looting, and torture, when all the great port trembled.

Most people with whom I've talked expect it to happen. There is a strong anti-European movement now, and white women are sometimes spat at in the streets.

The stewardess of a plane in which I travelled told me: "They hate us. I was shoved about just near the Raffles Hotel the other day. And how they love to order white women about!"

Who "they" are covers a lot of territory: Singapore has 1,200,000 people, and 80 percent of these are Chinese; but there are also Malays, Eurasians, Indians, Sikhs, Parsees, Pakistanis, Fathans and Garikhas.

Singapore shouts "Merdeka" meaning indepen-

dence and freedom, but the best brains here say that Merdeka will soon mean freedom to be ordered about by the Chinese Communists and the independence will turn out to be dependence on Red China.

In an elegant, exclusive Singapore club a New Zealander said to me: "There's nothing we can do about it now. This club was doomed long ago, and now Singapore itself is going. Can't you sense the fear, the tension, the rot in the air?"

Ego-bolstered

I said: "I'm new here, but I've been treated with consideration and friendliness ever since I got off the plane from Sydney. The people are smiling, affable, and extremely courteous."

The New Zealander said: "Don't be fooled. Some of those same people will throw a bottle at the windscreen of your car. They will drench a policeman with petrol and set him on fire. They murder and rape and mutilate. They cut heads off here. All hell's going to break loose one day."

Only a few white men, mostly Englishmen, tell me: "We might scrape by. It's not as bad as all that."

It is the extraordinary Mr. David Marshall, the Chief Minister of Singapore, the English-educated barrister who used to live in Golders Green, who alone seems to have the self-confidence. Bolstered by ego he sees himself as a saviour.

'A leader'

MARSHALL cries and sometimes screams "Merdeka," and I believe him to be genuinely anti-Communist. He himself, as I reported, expects assassination by the Communists within two years. Others accustomed to the extravagances of Marshall, say: "David will be killed politically within two years, but he is naive. The Reds are laughing." Marshall thinks he can handle the situation, which he admits is explosive.

He wants, and will ask for immediate independence in London. He wants and will ask for British armed help in case of any external threat,

but he thinks he can enforce internal security—"security" is the word I keep hearing here—himself.

Marshall says: "I'm not a dictator. I'm a leader. I want the people happy and contented. With a happy and contented people Singapore will be a far better base and bastion for freedom and democracy."

"We want the white men to stay and trade, and I am thinking of inviting American capital, but we must run our own affairs. We want to remain inside the British Commonwealth as an independent nation."

The tragic thing is that the growing debate in Singapore need never have happened, at least not for years. We have brought this on ourselves. One man after another told me: "The British talked too much, promised too much, and did too little."

It we had brought the local people into the Civil Service years ago, given them responsibility and opportunity, we would not be in retreat now. The Asian respects firmness.

From nothing

IT is my belief that we should never have offered Singapore self-government. We should have said: "The base is ours. We made it from nothing (it was a bit of land with 50 fishermen when we took over), and intend to keep it. You will have your place, an important place, but you are no more getting Singapore than you are getting Liverpool."

This would have made sense. What we have been doing makes little sense. There have been promises, half-promises, generalisation, and drift. Perhaps it is not too late.

Marshall himself told me he was not optimistic, he expected qualifications in London. "The signs are ominous," he kept murmuring.

All right, let us be blunt and say: "You are not ready for independence. You are not yet able to run Singapore. One day, maybe, you will be, but until then we hold it."

Unless we do this, we not merely hand over Singapore to a pliant Marshall and his "government," we hand Singapore over to the Red Chinese. Not a thousand Marshalls can halt this process.

The Chinese look towards their mother country, China, whatever its political colour. The pull is there, the magnet draws.

Oh, for another Raffles! It was this gentle, brilliant man,

Stanford Raffles—he spoke in smiles—who created Singapore, and his country and his company rewarded him with ignominy. Apparently they do not breed Raffles any more these days.

Owe everything

WHAT saddens me and angers me is the lack of gratitude towards Britain and the British. This island and these people owe everything to us and now many of them want us to go.

Singapore, which once seemed so impregnable, the great naval base with the mighty guns which fell without a blow to the Japanese in February 1942, is falling again now to the Red Chinese.

This time there must be a blow, there must be a fight back, and then, with God's help and a miracle or two, we might save the bastion from the Communists.

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NOT A COLONY

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JOCKEY CLUB CLASSIFICATIONS

Night People Still Tops The List Of Stake Money Winners

Mr Gerald Lee's Night People still tops the list of stake money won during the season with a total of \$13,500. Tip Top is a close second with \$12,500 and as a result of a win during the last race meeting, Jemima P is placed third with \$12,250. Following is the latest classification of ponies list issued by the Hongkong Jockey Club yesterday:

Class	Stakes Won	No. of Wins	Season	1955/56
Class 1	10,500	2	1	1
Class 2	10,500	2	1	1
Class 3	10,500	2	1	1
Class 4	10,500	2	1	1
Class 5	10,500	2	1	1
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Home Soccer Results

London, Apr. 16.
Results of tonight's Association Football matches were:

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO	
Stoke City 0 Bury 2	
LEAGUE THREE SOUTH	
Walsall 2 Northampton 2	
LEAGUE THREE NORTH	
Bradford City 5 Bradford 0	
York City 0 Accrington 1	
SCOTTISH DIVISION "A"	
Hearts 8 Falkirk 3	
Motherwell 1 Hibernian 1	
SCOTTISH DIVISION "B"	
Arbroath 1 St Johnstone 0	
OTHER MATCHES	
Leeds United 3 Rotherham 2	
(Uruguay) 2	
—Reuter.	

NEWS ITEM: "Venomous Snake hisses at Australian skipper Ian Johnson."



TURN IT UP!
HERE'S A CABLE FROM THE M.C.C. DEPLOING YOUR UNSPORTING CRITICISM.

TOO YOUNG FOR WIMBLEDON



Christine Truman, the 15-year-old Essex girl who was too young to play at Wimbledon, continued her astounding performance at Roehampton on April 6 by beating Miss Joan Curry and thus reaching the final of the Surrey Hard Courts championship. Picture shows Christine Truman in action.—Central Express Photo.

Doug Smith Confident Over Acropolis

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

I have one reader who does not agree with my recent article on Acropolis—Champion jockey Douglass Smith.

He disagrees strongly with my assertion that Acropolis may be beaten first time out this season. He told me that the form in the Voltegeur Stakes at York last August could not be right. This was the race in which Va Presto was disqualified.

Smith says the form must be discounted because the second-class colt Alibi II, was only a length behind Acropolis, receiving 4lb.

Smith maintains that Acropolis only really found his form twice last season and on both occasions this was at home when working up for a race.

He was most impressed with him before the St Leger but the horse could not run there because of coughing.

I have never heard of a jockey quite so confident about the capabilities of any horse as Smith is about Acropolis this season.

He agrees that Va Presto is a horse with considerable scope—and he should know, for he rode him at Ascot, when the horse started joint favourite for the Britannia Stakes with only 7st, 10lb.

The jockey said the distance there was far too short for him and I believe he came back and told connections the same story.

THE BEST

He did agree that Acropolis could be the best horse in Europe and still not win on Saturday. Va Presto is within 10lb. of the best horse when fit and well and could beat him.

But, as Smith pointed out earlier, one has to take a chance on the fitness of Va Presto, whereas Acropolis has been working exceptionally well.

As consolation, Smith ended with: "If Va Presto has not won a race by Ascot time, your readers will be able to get their money back on him in the Ascot Gold Vase, as he appears to be tailor-made for him."

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Keep It On The Island

Soccer story told against himself by Jimmy Lee, Leyton Orient full back. In a recent match Jimmy was slicing his knees badly. Once he appealed for a foul, but the referee gave a goal kick instead. The referee then ran alongside Lee and said: "The way you are kicking it is safer for the goalkeeper to take this one!"

First Time Success

Bardley FC joined the South East Lancashire Amateur League for the first time this season. Hardy recruits 400, for they have won the Championship at the first time of asking. What is more they have yet to be beaten, and hold a ten points lead at the top of the table. They have dropped only one point in 24 games and have won 18 trophies in the last eight seasons.

Auxiliary Medical Service Orders

Orders by the Hon. K. C. Yeo, C.G.M., Unit Controller, Auxiliary Medical Service, Serial No. 1/56, April 14, 1956.

Training. The following members are required to report for training as shown below:

(a) Basic First Aid Course No. 1/56, April 14, 1956.

(b) Ward Training Course No. 1/56, April 14, 1956.

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**Airman's
"Incredible
Impulse"**

John G. Bull, 21, of the RAF, Kai Tak, was cautioned and bound over in \$500 for two years by Mr. Hinchling Lo at Central this morning when he pleaded guilty to snatching a woman's handbag.

SNATCHED BAG
Inspector D. J. Carly, who appeared for the Prosecution, said at about 10 p.m. on April 8 the complainant, Poon Yau-ying, was walking in a path from Kennedy Road to Macdonell Road to visit her mother. Suddenly she felt something touching her back. She turned round and found the defendant standing behind her.

MITIGATING PLEA
In mitigation, Major J. Smith-Hughes, of Anne Legal Service, said the defendant came from an exceptionally poor and wealthy family and there was no reason why he should commit the offence.

**Euratom Talks
Postponed**

Strasbourg, Apr. 16.—The proposed conference of six foreign ministers to discuss the Euratom project has been postponed from May 3 until May 29, it was announced at Council of Europe headquarters here today.

**Test Case
Withdrawn**

A nolle prosequi was entered before Mr. M. Morley-John at Central this morning in a test case regarding alleged gambling on pin-ball machines.

Suspects Detained

Nine cases of larceny from the person were reported to the Police yesterday. Six persons have been detained in connection with these cases.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER
**Chaotic Financial
State Of NSW
Hospitals**

FROM H. KING WOOD
Sydney, Apr. 10.
The chaotic position of NSW hospitals was revealed during the week when the NSW Hospitals Association claimed that State hospitals owed tradesmen more than £2 million.

According to Sir Herbert Schlank, chairman of Australia's largest hospital, the Royal Prince Alfred, tradesmen are owed £71,000 for goods supplied there. Sir Herbert said the hospital was able to keep going only by the mercy of suppliers.

PATIENTS PAY
Hundreds of thousands of people in this State belong to a hospital contribution fund, paying amounts up to 4s a week against the day when they need hospital treatment. Hospitals aren't getting any lump sum from that fund, of course, but it does mean that just about every patient is a paying one.

MORE LOTTERIES
And while on the subject of lotteries, the official word was received yesterday of the launching of the world's biggest lottery—£300,000 first prize.

SLIM IS POPULAR
Field Marshal Sir William Slim, this Governor-General of ours is, without doubt, one of the most popular we have had for many a day. He set himself out to learn about Australia. He has travelled widely, he has met people, and when the occasion demands it, he knows how to talk.

SAVINGS RUSH
Six weeks after the opening of the Bank of NSW savings bank £10,000,000 had been deposited—an average of some £1½-million a week.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



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**Question Of Identity
In Trial
Of Alleged Robber**

The question of identity formed the major issue in a case of robbery with aggravation against a 27-year-old unemployed whose trial opened before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, Acting Senior Puisne Judge in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

It was stated that the accused Tsui Dick, alias Tsui Tsang-yui, alias Robert Tsui, was not arrested until nearly three months after a robbery at No. 23 Lan Fong Road, near the Lee Theatre, and that he was identified by the inmates as one of three men who entered the flat and stole large sums of currency notes and quantities of jewellery and gold.

**Revenue
Officer
Charged**

A Revenue Officer, Leung Siu-cheung, and a labourer Ng Yuen, alias Ah Yuen, came before Mr T. Creedon at Kowloon this morning on two charges of demanding money with menaces.

IMITATION GUN

Complainant lived with her husband and their three children at No. 23 Lan Fong Road, third floor, where the robbery occurred, he said.

IDENTIFICATION

Crown Counsel said he would call the complainant who would describe the robbery and further would say she identified the accused as one of the three alleged robbers. Her two children, aged nine and eight years, would also say they identified the accused.

**Court Told Story
Of Assault On
Taxi-Driver**

An early morning robbery in Bay View District in which a taxi driver was assaulted and robbed of \$27 by three passengers was related before Mr W. F. Pickering at Central this morning when three unemployed men faced committal proceedings on a charge of robbery with offensive weapons.

The three accused are Lam Kim-fung, 26, Chan Kam-yau, 19, and Chan Ngai, 20. They were alleged to have robbed Leung Kwan of \$27 when being armed with a knife and a piece of brick in Bay View on March 19.

HIT ON HEAD
As the vehicle was near the bus stop, Insp. Hunt said, the driver was ordered to stop. As he did so, he was struck a violent blow on the back of the head with a hard object. The force of the blow drove him forward over the driving wheel and he was immediately pulled violently back. He was then struck several times in the stomach and searched. A total of \$27 was extracted from his pocket.

HOT PURSUIT
The three accused were seen to have jumped out of the vehicle, continued Insp. Hunt, and disappeared into a lane running between Tai Cheong and Tai Foo Streets. They were hotly pursued by a Police party who opened fire at them.

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**Evidence Of
Money
Remittances
To China**

Evidence of remittances to China was given this morning in an action before Mr Justice J. Reynolds involving the Tai Wah Money-changers of 300 Des Voeux Road Central.

PROCEDURE
Tam said that remittances were made by the defendants to his firm in the country and they would pay over to the receiver. The remittances in 1955 were in Hongkong currency. The procedure was that when they received a letter from the defendants to pay over money, he would make out a receipt for the amount in duplicate and would take the money and receipts to a certain shop in the village concerned.

**Hawker Loses
His Appeal**

An appeal against sentence brought by a hawker who was found guilty of robbing a European police inspector and sentenced to four years was dismissed in a judgment delivered by the Full Court comprising Mr Justice James Wick and Mr Justice J. Reynolds this morning.

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**Soviet Bid
To Blackmail
The West?**

Washington, Apr. 16.—Gen. Omar Bradley warned today that Russia may be building up her military power to "blackmail" Western nations into deserting the United States.

**HK Council Of
Social Service**

The Hongkong Council of Social Service will hold its annual general meeting on Thursday, April 10 at 5.30 p.m. in the British Council Library, 1st floor, Gloucester Building.

TWO INJURED

At 10.10 a.m. yesterday, a Chinese woman fell alighting from a motor bus in Main Street West, Shaukiwan. The woman, Chan Chai-kam, aged 50, of 28 Tai Wo Street, 3rd floor, sustained injuries and is detained in hospital.

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